

BROOKLYN TABERNACLE

BIBLE STUDY ON

AFFLICTED, YET A COMFORTER.

Genesis 40, 41—May 4.

"God pleases grace to the humble."—1 Peter 5:6.

JOSEPH, the model young man of Old Testament times, lived before the days of spirit-begetting, and hence was merely a natural man, not a Christian. He had inherited strong faith in the God of Abraham, who had promised that ultimately a blessing should come to all people through Jacob's posterity. Joseph revered God, and sought to live nobly—to have God's approval.

Joseph's faithfulness was rewarded by his advancement to the position of steward in his master's house. But just at the height of his prosperity, his master's wife, angered by his steadfastness in principle, falsely accused him, and he was cast into prison. Only God and himself knew of his innocence. The Adversary had made circumstantial evidence so strong that Joseph's guilt was unquestioned.

Dreams of Butler and Baker.

Joseph remained for years in prison, probably forgotten. When he was twenty-eight years old, two high officials were thrust into prison. One was Pharaoh's secretary, and butler, and the other the head of his culinary department. Joseph, whose faithfulness and intelligence had made him general overseer of the prison, tendered sympathy to these men.



Joseph's Temptation.

Learning that they were troubled because of impressive dreams, he volunteered interpretations. He told the butler that within three days he would be restored to the king's favor, but informed the baker that he would be executed. Then he brought the butler to bring his case before the proper authorities, that he might be released.

But alas! The butler forgot all about his prisoner friend for two years. Then Pharaoh had dreams which none of the Egyptian wise men could interpret. With apologies for his neglect, the butler told Pharaoh about the wonderful young man who had correctly interpreted his dream and the baker's. Pharaoh then sent for Joseph in prison.

Pharaoh's Dreams Interpreted.

Pharaoh related his dreams. In the first he saw seven fine cattle, and a little later, seven very lean cattle, which devoured the fat ones, but looked no better. In the second dream he saw a fine stalk of corn spring up, bearing seven full ears, and then another stalk with seven withered ears. The latter swallowed the former, but looked none the better.

Joseph quickly interpreted the dreams, first giving God the glory. They foreshadowed seven plentiful years, followed by seven years of famine. He then suggested that an agent be appointed to buy up the surplus grain during the years of plenty, and store it for use during the famine.

Pharaoh promptly appointed Joseph to the position. Thus suddenly he stepped into a place of the highest authority, next to Pharaoh himself, in the greatest empire of those days. Can we doubt that God's hand was in the matter? Or that the lessons learned during Joseph's adversity were preparations for his subsequent experiences as Pharaoh's mouthpiece?

We recall the lesson of a week ago—that Joseph's experiences were typical of those of Jesus and the Church. The Bible assures us that humility and patience are related to love and loyalty. It is because the Lord loves these noble characters, that He counts them worthy of trials and testings. These experiences are necessary to qualify them for the position to which they are called.

The Value of Adversity.

Jacob's special love for Joseph manifested itself in favoritism, and quite probably he would have spoiled his son, had not Divine Providence taken Joseph away. Many fathers, especially the rich, have made similar mistakes.



Joseph Interpreting Dreams to Pharaoh's Dream.

God makes no such mistakes. His people are assured that trials and difficulties are marks of relationship to Him and of His care over them. This providential

Joseph belonged to this line in covenant relationship with God. This accounts for God's dealings with him rather than with young men of other families. The Israelites passed through many trying experiences because they were God's people. Many of these they might have escaped, had they not come into covenant relationship with God.

But then they would have escaped certain blessings also.

Wherever the plowshare of trouble has gone, it has made ready for the seed of Divine Truth. The next Age, under Messiah's beneficent rule, will be the time of sowing seeds of knowledge of God and appreciation of His glorious character. The results will be wonderful, as the Scriptures declare.

AN EXPLANATION THAT EXPLAINS.

Sunday School Lessons Made Easy and Interesting.

A Weekly Illustrated Article on the International Sunday School Topic to Be a Regular Feature in This Paper Hereafter—The oft-repeated, "I Don't Know the Lesson," Will Not Do Now.

We are pleased to announce to our readers that in this issue we begin the regular weekly publication of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Illustrated Articles on the International Sunday School Lessons.

These articles are written in easily understood, but beautiful language, really explaining the Lessons, and go far towards making it a real pleasure for both teacher and pupil to meet in the class room at the recitation hour.

No longer can the busy or careless offer as an excuse for staying home Sunday morning the oft-repeated, "I don't know the lesson."

Teachers or pupils with ordinary mind can hereafter in fifteen minutes read the Brooklyn Tabernacle single-column article, and thereby creditably acquit themselves among their fellows.

To those of our readers who are forced to miss the regular weekly class room exercises we are pleased to offer this feature as an excellent substitute.

Hundreds of editors throughout America are serving the interests of a mixed constituency by publishing this unsectarian weekly service, and we sincerely hope to do likewise.

MESSIAH'S KINGDOM.

The Glorious Day of Divine Favor is Nearing.

The period in which sin is permitted has been a dark night to humanity, never to be forgotten; but the glorious day of righteousness and divine favor is soon to be ushered in by Messiah. He, as the SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, shall arise and shine fully and clearly into and upon all, bringing healing and blessing, which will more than counterbalance the dreadful night of weeping, sighing, pain, sickness and death, in which the groaning creation has been so long. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the MORNING."

For further LIGHT on the coming Kingdom send thirty-five cents for the Helping Hand for Bible Students, entitled, "THE KINGDOM COME."

Bible and Tract Society, 17 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Kiely Resigns.

Master Mechanic James Kiely who has been for the past couple of years, a prominent figure in railroad life in Clovis tendered his resignation to be effective on the 15th. Mr. Kiely will leave Thursday for Chicago where he expects to again enter the railroad service.

Mr. Kiely and his estimable family, who will follow him later, will be greatly missed by their host of Clovis friends who wish them much success in their new home.

Court officials, including Judge Granville A. Richardson, Assistant District Attorney, James Hall, and Stenographer, J. B. McGee, came up from Roswell Sunday in order to be in attendance for court that convened Monday.

George Singleton, who is employed in the construction department of the new rail road from Galveston to Clovis, was in the city visiting his family for several days this week.

The new suits for the Clovis Band Boys arrived the first of the week and the Clovis Band now bears the appearance of being right up to date in the uniform style. They give concerts three times each week on the public streets which are greatly appreciated by the people in Clovis.

Big Shoe Sale!

Men's Oxfords All Sizes and Shapes.

Florsheim \$5.00 now \$3.95

" 4.00 now 3.45

Masterbilt \$4.00 now \$3.45

" 3.50 now 2.95

" 3.00 now 2.65

Tan Oxfords with ventilated top
\$3.00 now \$2.50

One Extra Special \$4.00 now \$2.00

EVERYTHING IS HIGH GRADE

A. Wiedmann

Two Hundred Las Vegas Pay Respects to A. A. Jones.

East Las Vegas, N. M., June 10—A. A. Jones, of this city, who recently was appointed first assistant secretary of the interior was the guest to-night of the business men of Las Vegas at a smoker and informal reception at the Commercial Club. The affair was devoid of all stiffness and there were no speeches. Every man present, and that term means fully 200 representative citizens enjoyed a hand clasp and a few minutes conversation with Mr. Jones. On Thursday night, Mr. Jones will be the guest of honor at a banquet at the Castaneda hotel, at which the business men and friends of Mr. Jones will be the hosts.

Claud Billingsly is spending a few days visiting in Fort Worth.

Mrs. McCluskey and Cleeve Coomes have purchased a residence near the Wire property on Pile St.

W. Wheeler, President of the Taiban Valley Bank was in Clovis Monday on business.

C. V. Bayless, accompanied by his little son, Carl, left Tuesday for Albuquerque where he will place Carl in a sanitarium.

Roy Morgan and Bill Singleton went to Amarillo Monday to play ball.

Judge G. L. Reece, of Portales, returned Friday after spending a few days in Clovis.

Cash Ramey and R. M. Hammond, of Kansas City, returned Tuesday morning from a trip to Janes.

Rev. Carver, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ft. Sumner was a Clovis visitor Monday en route to Roswell.

Mrs. L. A. Dickman, wife of Dr. Dickman, left for Holland, Minn. today in response to a message announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Nelson Minnet.

A card received by the News from Grover Guyer, the dispatcher, announces that he is having a jolly time on the dispatchers special in California.

A runaway horse caused considerable excitement on the street Tuesday morning. The horse got away from W. L. Townsend, while he was at work staking the street grades.

Mr. C. C. Callicott, the popular manager of the Lyceum, informs us that hereafter there will be six reels of moving pictures, with no repetition, each evening. Come early, get the benefit of it all.

George Birdsall, an enthusiastic Curry county farmer who resides south of Havener was in the city on business Monday.

W. A. Foyil, former cashier of the Clovis National Bank, and who is interested in Clovis property, came in from Oklahoma City, Monday.

Nels Anderson, a sturdy farmer who has a fine claim south of Havener was in the city shopping Monday. Mr. Anderson reports fine rains in his vicinity.

Mrs. Jewel Kimberlin, who now resides at Sentinel, Oklahoma, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McMinn.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Luikart, who has been dangerously ill from infantile paralysis, is now much improved and is able to walk about.

Jno. Kroboth, of Wichita Falls who was formerly connected with the Central Market was a Clovis visitor last week while en route to Colorado points on a fishing and recreation trip.

Jack Morris, one of the proprietors of the big grocery of Harvey & Morris, returned the latter part of last week where he has been at the bedside of his father, who, he reports, was much improved when he departed.